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**Re: Review of 2007 Update to the Montana State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Statewide Hazard Assessment**

As the contractor for the Montana Department of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services, we are pleased to provide you with a review copy of the revised draft 2007 Update to the State of Montana Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Statewide Hazard Assessment.

**Section 1** of the Plan is the Introduction.

**Section 2** contains a discussion of the Planning Process utilized for development of this document and the integration of this document with other State Plans and Programs.

**Section 3** identifies and profiles the following major hazards in Montana:

- Communicable Disease
- Earthquake
- Flooding
- Hazardous Materials Incidents
- Landslide
- Terrorism and Violence
- Volcanic Eruptions
- Winter Storms and Avalanche
- Drought and Effects of Drought
- Severe Thunderstorms, Hail, Wind and Tornadoes
- Wildland and Rangeland Fires

**Section 4** looks at overall mitigation in Montana and pulls together various factors, such as statewide goals and objectives, state and local capabilities, funding sources, and a list of prioritized projects.

**Section 5** contains a discussion of the status of hazard mitigation planning efforts at the local levels, technical and financial assistance available, integration of the approved Local PDM Plans into the State's Plan and the approach that will be utilized by the State to prioritize proposed mitigation projects.

**Section 6** discusses Plan Maintenance/Update and Mitigation Project Monitoring/Evaluation procedures.

**Section 7** consolidates the references and footnotes used throughout the document.

The draft Plan is provided on the project website <<http://206.127.65.86/StatePlan/>> but is also available on compact disc upon request. Each section of the Plan can be downloaded separately and the hazard profile (Section 3.3) can be downloaded by hazard.



Please use the "Review Comment Form" provided on the website/CD to record your comments. Please use page and paragraph numbers when commenting on the text. When providing comments on tables and figures, please refer to them by number.

Please submit your comments on the State Plan Update by October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to:

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This project has been funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and has a cost share component. The State of Montana is responsible for providing in-kind services to satisfy their cost share responsibility. The time you spend reviewing the State Plan can be an important contribution to the cost share, so please record time spent on the "Cost Share Tracking Form" on the website or CD and send it in with your comments.

Thank you in advance for your time reviewing this important document. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kent Atwood at Montana DES (406-841-3960).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Daphne Digrindakis'.

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